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In the Name of Allâh
the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

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All praise is due to Allaah, Who has promised great blessings and reward for those who remember him often. It is He, Who said in His Mighty Book (the Qur'aan):

"And do not be like those forgot Allaah, so He made them forget themselves (i.e. let them forget to do righteous deeds). It is these who are the *Faasiqoon* (sinful, disobedient to Allaah)." [Al-Hashr (59):19]

Thus, it is incumbent upon the Muslim to remember Allaah and not be heedless of His remembrance, as not remembering Allaah leads a person to being sinful and disobedient to Allaah's commands. Allaah also tells us:

"And remember Allaah much so that you will be successful." [Al-Jumu'ah (62):10]

Hence, true success, both in this life and the next, comes with the remembrance of Allaah. Likewise, ultimate failure is destined for the one who neglects the remembrance of Allaah.

This brief booklet has been extracted from the book *Tuhfat ul-Akhyaar*, by the late Shaikh 'Abdul-'Azeez bin 'Abdullah bin Baaz رحمه الله. It contains a discussion of the importance of remembering Allaah and the virtue of those who remember Allaah often. We thank Mr. 'Aqeel Walker and Mr. 'Abdur-Ra'uf Shakir for the tasks of translating, reviewing and referencing this work. May Allaah reward them on behalf of the Muslims for their efforts in educating the believers.

Abdul Malik Mujahid



In the Name of Allaah, the Most Gracious,
the Most Merciful

All praise is due to Allaah, so we praise Him, seek His help and His forgiveness. We seek refuge with Allaah from the evils of our souls and wrongdoings of our actions. Whoever Allaah guides there is none who can lead him astray and whoever He misguides there is none who can guide him aright. I testify that there is none worthy of worship except Allaah alone, Who has no partner, and I testify that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allaah send prayers of blessings and peace upon him, his family, his companions and whoever follows them in righteousness until the Day of Judgement. To proceed:

From the best behavior of man, and the best thing that his tongue can say, is the abundant remembrance of Allaah, glorifying Him, praising Him, and reciting His Magnificent Book (the Qur'aan). Also from these virtuous deeds is the sending of blessings and peace upon Allaah's Messenger, Muhammad ﷺ, and making an abundance of supplications (*Du'aa'*) to Allaah, asking Him for all of one's needs in this life and in the hereafter. This includes seeking His assistance and turning to Him with true faith, sincerity and humility. With an attentive

heart the one who remembers Allaah often and calls upon Him is aware of the greatness of Allaah, His power over all things, His knowledge of everything and His right to be worshipped.

Many verses of the Qur'aan and authentic *hadeeths* mention the virtue of remembering Allaah, supplicating to Him and the encouragement to do that. We will mention that which is easy of those texts. Allaah says,

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ ذِكْرًا كَثِيرًا ۝ وَسَبِّحُوهُ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا ۝ هُوَ الَّذِي يُصَلِّي عَلَيْكُمْ وَمَلَائِكَتُهُ لِيُخْرِجَكُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ وَكَانَ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَحِيمًا﴾

[الأحزاب: ٤١-٤٣]

"Oh you who believe! Remember Allaah with much remembrance. And glorify His Praises morning and afternoon [the early morning (*Fajr*) and afternoon (*Asr*) prayers]. He it is Who sends *Salaah* (His Blessings) on you, and His angels too (ask Allaah to bless and forgive you), that He may bring you out from darkness (of disbelief and polytheism) into light (of Belief and Islaamic Monotheism). And He is Ever Most Merciful to the believers." (33:41-43)

Allaah also says,

﴿فَاذْكُرُونِي أَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِي وَلَا تَكْفُرُونِ﴾

[البقرة: ١٥٢]

"Therefore remember Me. I will remember you, and be grateful to Me (for my countless favors upon you) and never be ungrateful to Me." (2:152)

Allaah also says,

﴿إِنَّ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَالْقَانِينَ وَالْقَانِينَ إِلَىٰ أَن قَالَ سُبْحَانَهُ - وَالذَّاكِرِينَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا وَالذَّاكِرَاتِ أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُم مَّغْفِرَةً وَأَجْرًا عَظِيمًا﴾

[الأحزاب: ٣٥]

"Verily, the Muslim men and women, the believers men and women, the men and the women who are obedient (to Allaah), the men and the women who are truthful (in their speech and deeds), the men and the women who are patient (in performing all the duties which Allaah has ordered and in abstaining from all that Allaah has forbidden), the men and the women who are humble (before their Lord - Allaah), the men and the women who give *Sadaqaat* (i.e. *Zakaah* and charity), the men and the women who observe *Sawm* (fasting), the men and the women who guard their chastity (from illegal sexual acts) and the men and the women who remember Allaah much. Allaah has prepared for them forgiveness and a great reward (i.e. Paradise)." (33:35)

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﴿يَتَأْتِيَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تُلْهِكُمْ أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ﴾

[المنافقون: ٩]

"Oh you who believe! Let not your properties or your children divert you from the remembrance of Allaah. And whosoever does that, then they are the losers." (63:9)

Allaah also says,

﴿رِجَالٌ لَا تُلْهِهِمْ تِجَارَةٌ وَلَا بَيْعٌ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَإِقَامِ الصَّلَاةِ وَإِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ يَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا تَتَقَلَّبُ فِيهِ الْقُلُوبُ وَالْأَبْصَارُ﴾

[النور: ٣٧]

"Men whom neither trade nor sale (business) diverts from the remembrance of Allaah (with heart and tongue) nor from performing As-Salaah (obligatory prayer) nor from giving the Zakaah (obligatory charity). They fear a Day when hearts and eyes will be overturned (due to the horror of the torment of the Day of Resurrection)." (24:37)

Allaah also says,

﴿إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لَآيَاتٍ لِّأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ ۝ الَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ قِيَمًا وَقُعُودًا وَعَلَىٰ جُنُوبِهِمْ﴾

[آل عمران: ١٩٠، ١٩١]

"Verily, in the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, there are indeed signs for men of understanding. Those who remember Allaah (always, and in prayers) standing, sitting, and lying down on their sides." (3:190-191)

Allaah also says,

﴿يَتَأْتِيَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا لَقِيتُمْ فِئَةً فَاثْبُتُوا وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَّعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ﴾

[الأنفال: ٤٥]

"Oh you who believe! When you meet (an enemy) force, take a firm stand against them and remember the Name of Allaah much (both with tongue and mind), so that you may be successful." (8:45)

Allaah also says,

﴿فَإِذَا قَضَيْتُمْ مَنَاسِكَكُمْ فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَذِكْرِكُمْ آبَاءَكُمْ أَوْ أَشَدَّ ذِكْرًا﴾

[البقرة: ٢٠٠]

"So when you have accomplished your Manaasik (duties of Hajj), remember Allaah as you remember your forefathers or with a far greater remembrance." (2:200)

﴿وَاذْكُرْ رَبَّكَ فِي نَفْسِكَ تَضَرُّعًا وَخِيفَةً وَدُونَ الْجَهْرِ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ وَلَا تَكُن مِّنَ الْغَافِلِينَ﴾

[الأعراف: ٢٠٥]

“And remember your Lord within yourself, humbly and with fear and without loudness in words, in the mornings and in the afternoons, and be not of those who are neglectful.” (7:205)

Allaah also says,

﴿فَإِذَا قُضِيَتِ الصَّلَاةُ فَانْتَشِرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَابْتَغُوا مِن فَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَّعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ﴾

[الجمعة: ١٠]

“Then when the (Jumu'ah) Salaah (prayer) is ended, you may disperse through the land, and seek the Bounty of Allaah (by working), and remember Allaah much, that you may be successful.” (62:10)

Remembering Allaah much and supplicating Him is recommended at all times and during all occasions - in the morning, the evening, when going to sleep, when waking up, when entering the house, when leaving it, when entering the Masjid and when leaving it. This is based upon the noble verses that have just preceded. Allaah says,

﴿وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ بِالْعَشِيِّ وَالْإِبْكَرِ﴾

[غافر: ٥٥]

“And glorify the Praises of your Lord in the 'Ashee (i.e. the time period after the noon till sunset) and in the Ibkaar (i.e. the time period from early morning or sunrise till before noon).” (40:55)

Allaah also says,

﴿وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ وَقَبْلَ الْغُرُوبِ﴾

[ق: ٣٩]

“And glorify the Praises of you Lord, before the rising of the sun and before (its) setting (i.e. the Fajr, Thuhr, and 'Asr prayers).” (50:39)

Allaah also says,

﴿وَلَا تَطْرُدِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ بِالْغَدُوفَةِ وَالْعَشِيِّ يُرِيدُونَ وَجْهَهُ﴾

[الأنعام: ٥٢]

“And turn not away those who invoke their Lord, morning and afternoon seeking His Face.” (6:52)

And He says,

﴿فَخَرَجَ عَلَى قَوْمِهِ مِنَ الْمِحْرَابِ فَأَوْحَىٰ إِلَيْهِمْ أَن سَبِّحُوا بُكْرَةً وَعَشِيًّا﴾

[مريم: ١١]

“Then he (Zakariyyah ﷺ) came out to his people from Al-Mihraab (a private room for prayer) and he told them by signs to glorify Allaah's Praises in the morning and in the afternoon.” (19:11)